

MISS RUBY'S KIDS

2013 Annual Report



Why I Support Miss Ruby's Kids

Fresh out of college, full of optimism and energy, I became a 2nd grade teacher in Charleston! Little did I know that my 32 children --- and no such thing as a teacher's aide or air-conditioning --- were almost all illiterate. The majority of these little children had already failed first grade and been socially promoted into my care. Only one of the 32 had two parents in the home. At this tender age, some had been expelled from other schools, one had a police record, most were fed only when at school, diseases were not treated, over half qualified for special needs contained classes, several were violent and carried weapons, and only one turned in homework: the child with two parents at home.

This was 33 years ago! I often wonder what has become of each of my students. Those children had a minimal, if any, chance of survival in today's adult world, which is where my students would be now.

Miss Ruby's Kids is a real-life miracle in Georgetown County. Their vision statement says why: "All children in Georgetown County will enter school prepared to learn, supported by their families, and will graduate from high school as productive citizens of their community." Go to their website and explore: www.missrubyskids.net. See for yourself the fascinating information. It is way too much for me to tell you about here.

What I can tell you is that I support Miss Ruby's Kids financially every chance I get. MRK is successful in a mighty way here in our county. This is a serious endeavor meant to continue on forever, with yearly growth. These are trained, dedicated, and enthusiastic people working with the children and their parents.

I look back 33 years. I still see the little, almost baby-like faces gazing up into my eyes, crying out for help. What would my children have been like if they had had Miss Ruby's Kids?

-Hayden Blackwell Quattlebaum



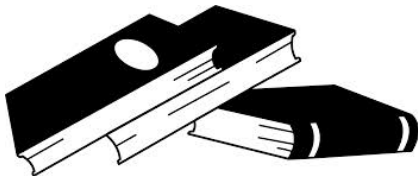
Our vision is that all children in Georgetown County will enter school prepared to learn, supported by their families, and will graduate from high school as productive citizens of their community.

"I learned a lot from the program. It taught me how to listen to the needs of my children."

-PCHP Parent

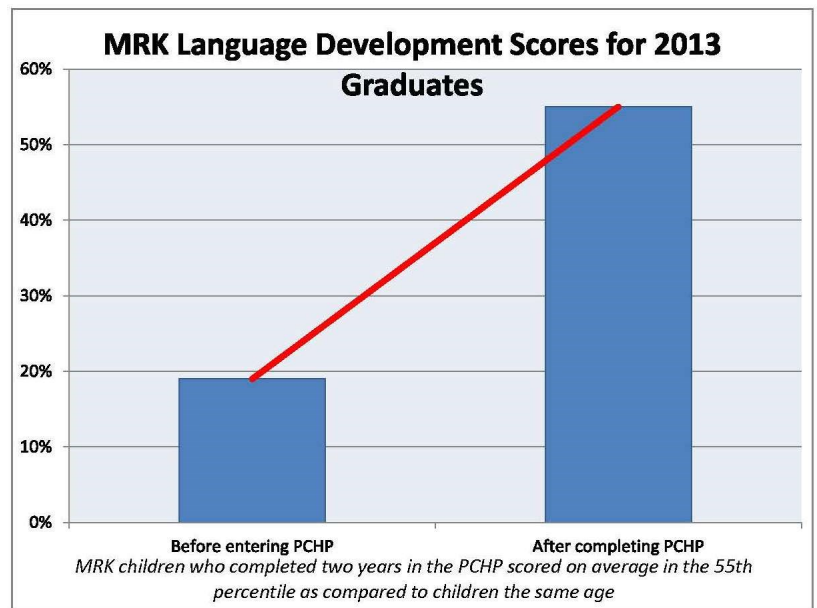
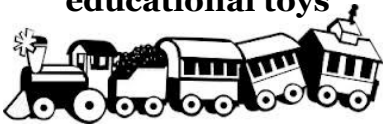


Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP)



Provided **1380 books**
and

educational toys



Families spent a minimum of

1,380 hours

of uninterrupted time interacting with their children with
the assistance of a trained Home Visitor at

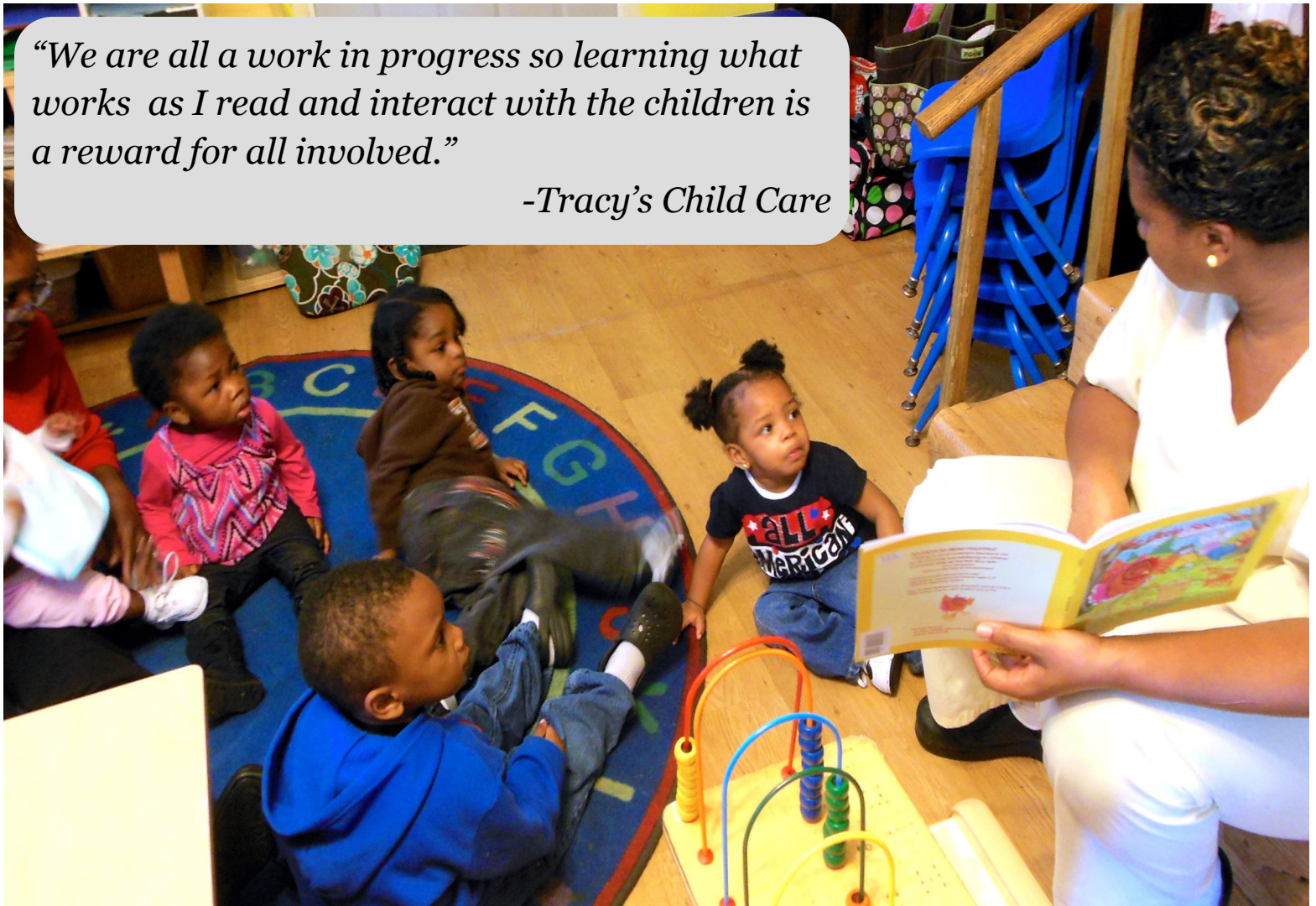
2,760 home visits

Served **60 children & their families**, including 10 Spanish-speaking families



"We are all a work in progress so learning what works as I read and interact with the children is a reward for all involved."

-Tracy's Child Care



Family Child Care Model



**Served 18 children in
3 child care facilities**



**Held 5 Parent Workshops &
3 Child Care Provider
Workshops**



Distributed 378 books & toys



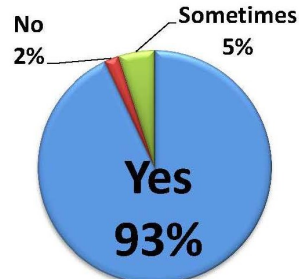
*"I am important to her and
that makes me feel special."*

-MRK Mentee



Volunteer mentors
served **74 mentees**

How mentees answered when asked if they thought there
were adults who cared about them



Volunteer mentors spent
close to **1,500 hours**
with their mentees

Education Mentor Program (EMP)

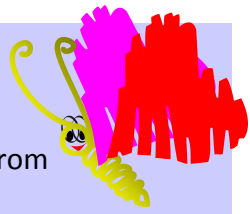


*"My mentor showed me that other people
care about me and I feel better about myself."*

-Mentee

Dear Friends of Miss Ruby's Kids,

We are happy to have completed our 10th successful year at Miss Ruby's Kids. The continued support of friends like you made this possible. Without the generous donations of time, talents and treasure from all of our friends, we wouldn't be the healthy thriving organization we are today!



We served 60 children and their families during the 2012-2013 program year through the Parent-Child Home Program. In addition to those children, we provided the group model of the Parent-Child Home Program to three home-based child care facilities serving another 18 children. Our volunteer mentors served 74 children with the Education Mentor Program with a variety of activities during their weekly visits to the schools. As we have in the past, we also provided parenting workshops and training sessions for local child care providers.

In April we were granted re-certification as a replication site of the Parent-Child Home Program as well as a 10-year award. The letter accompanying the certification cited our initiative to further diversify so that we can reach the difficult-to-engage families and complimented us for the quality of the program we deliver.

Additionally we were able to diversify our fundraising efforts by initiating new activities such as the Kitchen Tour and the Dining for a Cause restaurant program. These events give community members a way to support Miss Ruby's Kids while engaging in activities they enjoy like eating delicious meals and touring beautiful homes.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff, I thank you for your encouragement, support, and donations. With your help, we look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,
Betsy Marlow

The goal of the Parent-Child Home Program is to eliminate educational disadvantage.

Messages from Home

Phyllis Levenstein and Susan Levenstein



2013 Board of Directors

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2013 Administrative Staff

Betsy Marlow, **Executive Director**

Traci Butler, **Office Manager**

Hilary Gibson, **VISTA Member** (temporary)

Trish Lord, **EMP Coordinator** (part-time)

Wendy Walsh, **PCHP Coordinator**

2013 Home Visitors

Claudia Blanchette

Crystal Geathers

Mary Harvey

Amanda Kennedy

Marva Riley

Natty Toscano

Jenny Walsh

Andrea Wilkins

Carmen Williams

Alice Young



Finances

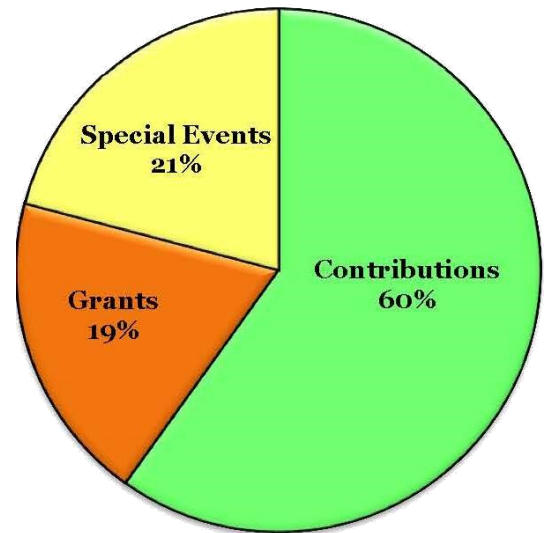
Fiscal Year 2013

July 1, 2012—June 30, 2013

ASSETS		
Cash		\$115,320
Short-term Investments		\$113,817
TOTAL ASSETS		\$229,137
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Equity		
Temporarily Restricted Assets		\$17,500
Unrestricted Assets		\$211,637
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$229,137

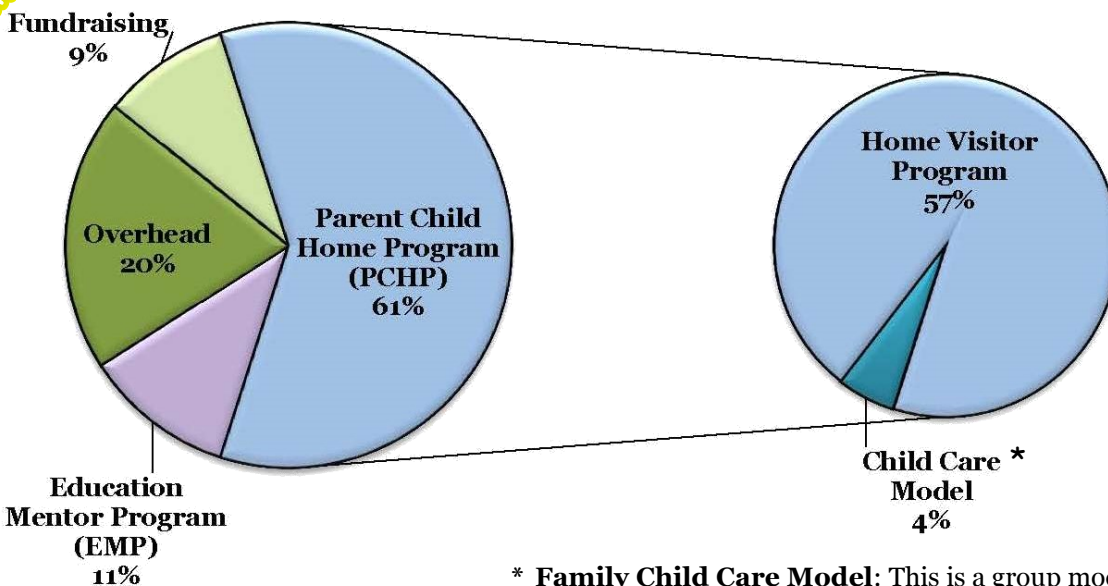
Revenues (\$245,857)

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013



Expenditures (\$245,644)

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013



* **Family Child Care Model:** This is a group model provided to small family child care providers using the same strategies as the traditional home-based program.



Thank you to the program children and families, volunteers, staff, donors, business partners, area churches, foundations, Georgetown County School District, and the members of the community for a remarkable year! Miss Ruby's Kids is successful because of your support, dedication, and hard work.

“It’s a big advantage for me because I can see and learn along with my child, and I know I will be able to help him when he starts school.”

-MRK Parent

Please consider partnering with Miss Ruby's Kids to change a family by returning the enclosed envelope with your contribution which will help prepare the families of Georgetown County for success.





Miss Ruby's Kids is a non-profit organization (based in Georgetown County) that enables identified parents and caregivers to inspire a passion for learning in their children. We help prepare parents to be their child's first, best teacher and support both parents and child throughout the child's school career.

Miss Ruby's Kids is a 501 (c)(3) organization.



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